

February 25, 2011

Dear Friend:

I am pleased to announce that I am sponsoring the 2011 Congressional Art Competition, *An Artistic Discovery*, for senior high school students who live within the Sixth Congressional District of Maryland. I believe that this competition provides an excellent opportunity to showcase the talent of students in the Sixth District and acknowledge our nation's gifted young artists.

In the past 29 years, hundreds of thousands of high school students have been able to participate at the local level. This remarkable exhibit represents the combined efforts of the Members who conduct local contests and the students who participate.

PLEASE NOTE: Participating students must reside in the Sixth Congressional District. If your students reside in Harford, Baltimore or Montgomery County, I recommend that you verify their Congressional District online at: <http://mdelect.net/> to avoid disqualification.

Please complete the enclosed High School Participation Form and return it to my Allegany/Garrett District office at the address below, no later than March 14, 2011.

Enclosed you will find the art competition guidelines and a student information/release form. Each student must complete this form and attach it to the back of their artwork. You may duplicate as needed. You may also download this form and the competition guidelines from the following website, www.bartlett.house.gov.

Artwork may be dropped off at the nearest office to you; a list of my district offices follows. All artwork is due by April 29, 2011. **Artwork dropped off after this date will be disqualified.** For purposes of judging at the local level, all artwork must be mounted on foam core board or framed. No "snap on" frames with glass are to be used. If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate on the backside with arrows, which side is up.

On May 4, 2011, I will announce the Sixth Congressional District Best in Show and winners in each of the seven categories.

The Best in Show from our competition will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel on Capitol Hill for one year. Students selected as the districts' Best of Show may be eligible to receive a \$1,500 per year admission scholarship to the Savannah College of Art and Design, should they apply and be accepted.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Brenda Frantz, Art Competition Coordinator at 301-724-3105 or toll free at 800-889-3012.

Sincerely,

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